



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

December 12, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are encouraged by your commitment to expand the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). This is good news for tourists, business travelers, and family members who have reason to visit the United States and bring with them their leisure and investment dollars. We are confident that the proper balance can be reached between legitimate concerns for national security and the promotion of tourism, trade, and investment.

The location of your announcement suggests an emphasis of adding our allies in Central and Eastern Europe to the list of participants in the VWP – including Latvia, the country that hosted the recently concluded NATO summit meeting. We are supportive of your efforts, but also hope that our friends and partners in other parts of the world are not forgotten.


One country that deserves strong consideration is the Republic of Korea. Many of the undersigned represent congressional districts with a large Korean-American constituency. They have a special understanding of the importance of this issue, of its resonance both in the U.S. as well as Korea.

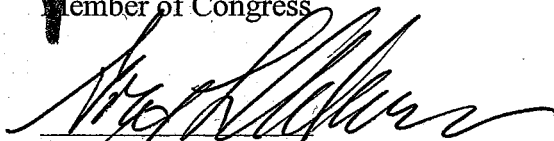
We all support stronger border security and do not believe that expanding the VWP will conflict with this goal. All nations participating in the VWP are staunch allies of the United States, as well as trading partners, and each one of them must meet strict standards designed to keep our borders secure. This is as true for current participants in the program as well as those seeking inclusion.

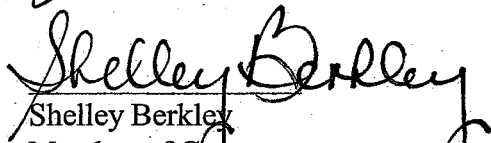
Please keep us informed about the progress being made on your proposal to expand the number of participants in the Visa Waiver Program and let us know what we can do to assist you in seeing it succeed.


Sincerely,


Diane E. Watson
Member of Congress

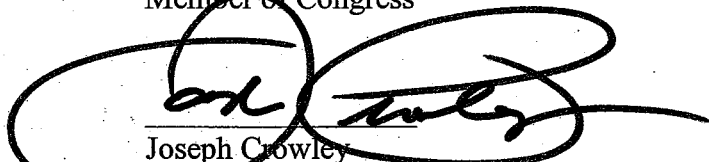

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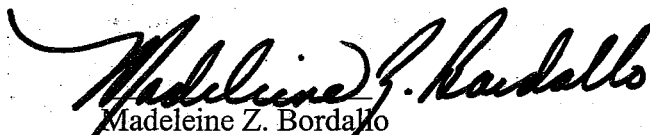

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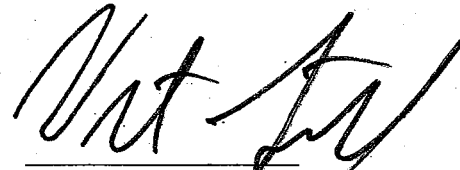

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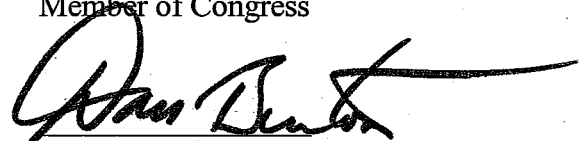

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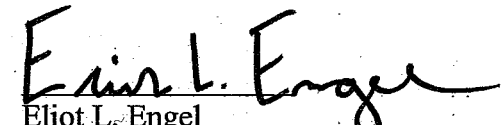

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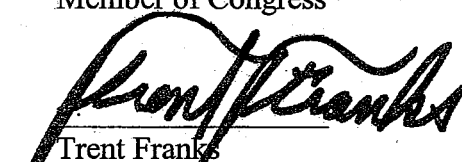

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